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GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS ARIZONA ADVOCATE IN WASHINGTON D.C. Office to Support Arizona's Interests

PHOENIX - Brian de Vallance has been named a full-time representative in Arizona's new Washington, D.C. office. After her inauguration early this year, Governor Janet Napolitano identified the need for a presence in Washington to protect and preserve the state's vital interests. Arizona's Washington, D.C. office will open in early 2004.

De Vallance is an attorney with an extensive background in federal, state and local government as well as in technology and law enforcement issues. In 1999, he was appointed by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to direct the Department of Justice's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. De Vallance served as Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson's Deputy Chief of Staff, then managed the Mayor's campaign for governor in 1994.

De Vallance has served as a member of the Board of the Maricopa County Sports Commission and as Treasurer of the Committee for Juvenile Justice Reform.

Brian de Vallance graduated from Brown University in 1981 with Bachelor of Arts degree, and graduated cum laude with a Juris Doctorate from the Arizona State University College of Law in 1992.

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